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FOR: VERN H. KERCHBERGER
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TAGS: CDES, UK (KERCHBERGER, LUCY)

SUBJECT: DEATH OF LUCY KERCHBERGER

REF: STATE 208914 WHITE HOUSE INTEREST

THE EMBASSY REGRETS TO CONFIRM DEATH OF YOUR DAUGHTER, LUCY, OCTOBER 22. POST-MORTEM PERFORMED OCTOBER 24, BUT ANALYSIS CONTENTS STOMACH BY PATHOLOGIST WILL NOT BE KNOWN FOR ABOUT 10 DAYS. INQUEST WILL BE FORMALLY OPENED AND ADJOURNED EITHER OCTOBER 25 OR 26 FOR RELEASE OF REMAINS. CORONER UNABLE GIVE DECISION ON CAUSE OF DEATH UNTIL PATHOLOGIST REPORT KNOWN.

THE FOLLOWING ESTIMATES ARE PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION AND PLANNING: LOCAL CREMATION AND SHIPMENT OF ASHES BY AIR TO US \$400; PREPARATION AND SHIPMENT OF EMBALMED REMAINS TO SOUTH DAKOTA \$1250 (INCLUDING AIRFREIGHT).

PLEASE TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS DIRECTLY TO SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, AMERICAN EMBASSY, LONDON. TELEGRAPH FUNDS THROUGH AMEXPRESS INTERNATIONAL, 6 HAYMARKET, LONDON SW1 FOR AMERICAN EMBASSY, LONDON INCLUDE NAME OF UNCLASSIFIED

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DECEASED IN YOUR REPLY AND NAME AND ADDRESS OF US FUNERAL

HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT OF REMAINS DESIRED.

UPON RECEIPT OF FUNDS, YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED
OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ALLOWING MINIMUM 2 DAYS AFTER
RECEIPT OF FUNDS AND RELEASE OF REMAINS BY CORONER. WHEN
SHIPMENT DESIRED, AIRLINE WILL INFORM US FUNERAL HOME OF
EXPECTED TIME OF ARRIVAL. PERSONAL EFFECTS WILL BE TAKEN
INTO EMBASSY'S CUSTODY AND AN INVENTORY SENT YOU.
PLEASE ACCEPT OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.
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